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BRICS DIGITAL HEALTH SUMMIT

DECLARATION ON

“DIGITAL HEALTH FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH FOR ALL”

The participating delegates, senior officials, and relevant entities of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Republic of India, the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of South Africa,

Having discussed the relevance of digital health to attain sustainable development goals and to improve the health and well-being of their citizens at national and sub-national levels through the best use of evidence-based digital technologies for health services delivery;

BRICS countries acknowledged the unanimous adoption of the World Health Assembly resolution WHA71.7 (2018) on Digital Health and World Health Organization’s efforts to prioritize digital health agenda by publishing the Global Digital Health Strategy 2020-2025 to promote healthy lives and wellbeing for everyone, everywhere, at all ages;

Highlighting the relevance and emerging role of digital health innovations for pandemic management, public health response and building resilience of health systems through leveraging emerging technologies including Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Geographic Information Systems, Internet of Things, 5G, Telehealth, and numerous other digital health innovations in health sector;



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Recalling the unanimous adoption of the XI BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting Declaration on the theme 'BRICS Requit to COVID-19: Towards Digitalized Holistic Framework for Pandemic Preparedness';

Reaffirming the ongoing multi-sectoral national efforts in the innovative use of digital health efforts to strengthen health systems, infodemic management, disease surveillance, disease prevention, telehealth supported health services delivery within the national and sub-national context;

Recognizing the importance of privacy, security, confidentiality, and data protection in the context of digital health;

Recognizing the need for evidence and evaluation of digital health efforts to ensure its appropriate use in services for patients, clinicians and health systems, and test new models of care including validation of health innovations;

Emphasizing the importance of public-private partnership to finance and promote the full use of digital health to advance health-related Sustainable Development Goals at national and sub-national levels;

Recognizing the threat posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and agreement by BRICS countries to collaborate on COVID-19 pandemic management and digital health and the potential of the pandemic as a catalyst for greater adoption and implementation of digital health; and

Having witnessed the potential of digital technologies in supporting health service delivery during the pandemic enforced mobility restrictions.



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We as the BRICS countries adopt the **Joint Declaration on “DIGITAL HEALTH FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH FOR ALL”** during Digital Health Summit, on 2-3 September 2021, to accelerate and implement the appropriate Digital Health interventions to improve health of the population as appropriate according to national context of BRICS countries, through the following actions by 2023:

1. Noting that the BRICS countries are working toward having updated national digital health strategies, which is augmented by implementation targets at the national-and subnational-level;
2. Strengthening digital health in BRICS Countries through appropriate national and sub-national policies, procedures, regulations that governs digital health and design it based on national and subnational context;
3. Exchanging the experiences, best practices, evidence based digital technologies and innovations for health as agreed in XI BRICS Health Minister Declaration 2021, including health information systems at the national-and subnational-levels in order to identify areas of innovations and best practices;
4. Prioritizing the development, evaluation, implementation, scale-up and greater utilization of digital technologies to enable full realization of BRICS strategic health development objectives;
5. Strengthening existing national and sub-national mechanisms to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation for digital health and build a cadre of digital health professionals, through collaboration on professional training in this area, in order to



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ensure sustainable digital health ecosystem across the BRICS countries in accordance with national legislation;

6. Accelerate the rapid expansion and use of digital health innovations to strengthen health sector through public-private partnerships and engagement of academia, as appropriate, to establish collaborative digital health research initiatives;
7. Promoting equitable, affordable and universal access to health for all by facilitating accessible and inclusive digital health interventions; and
8. Periodically sharing of knowledge and technical resources to advance transnational and international cooperation and collaboration in digital health.
